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Mr. Girish Haran 18 Briarwood Dr. Westford, MA 01886

Re:

Utility Serial No. 09/662,737

For: A System for Aggregating Information From Enterprises

Offering Items for Exchange Over A Communication Network

Filed: September 15, 2000 Our Ref.: L9090/269360

and

Re:

Utility Serial No. 09/428,702

Filed: October 27, 1999

Title: "A System for Aggregating Information From Enterprises

Offering Items for Exchange Over a Communication Network"

Our Ref.: L9090/269367

Dear Mr. Haran:

We represent Landmark Communications, Inc. with respect to the above-referenced patent applications for which you are a named inventor. Currently the two applications are pending at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

We discussed the development history of the inventions described in the applications with Kimbo Mundy and have prepared the enclosed declarations for your signature. Please execute the declarations and return them to us in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. We intend to file the declarations with the Patent Office. Please contact me if you have any changes to the declaration or if you did not contribute to the concept of using categories and keywords.

Also, please advise us if you have current contact information for Derek Young. Our previous correspondence to him was returned as undeliverable.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,
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Kimbo Mundy et al.

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A System for Aggregating Information from Enterprises Offering items for Exchange Over a Communication Network

Attorney Docket No.: BDE-001CN (431/6)

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RULE 1.131 DECLARATION

- I, Girish Haran, having first-hand knowledge of the facts recited herein, declare as follows:
- 1 I am one of the inventors of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application.
- I conceived and reduced to practice in the United States the invention that is claimed in the application prior to September 3, 1999.
- The Specification identifies www.biddersedge.com as an exemplary system web site on page 18, line 3 and Figures 6-12 illustrate various web pages associated with the Bidder's Edge web site. Copies of page 18 of the Specification and Figures 6-12 are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- The website at www.biddersedge.com was launched prior to September 3, 1999. A copy of a web page from www.biddersedge.com that was available prior to September 3, 1999 is attached hereto as Exhibit B. Exhibit B was obtained from the Internet Archive Wayback Machine
- (http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://biddersedge.com) on July 19, 2006.
- Figure 6 illustrates categories (626) and search parameters (624, 628 and 5. 630). Exhibit B illustrates the use of dategories and an advanced auction search that

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allowed a user to specify a category, an auction, and/or one or more keywords.

Although the format of Exhibit B differs from the format of Figure 6, the categories and search functions provided by the Bidder's Edge website prior to September 3, 1999 were equivalent to those described in the specification and illustrated by Figure 6.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing on this application.

	IN WITNESS WHEREOF	, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this	
day of	, 2006.		
		Girish Haran	

The viewer 118 executes on the host computer 104 to provide a graphical user interface for the system 102. In the illustrative embodiment, the viewer 118 provides a system Web site, an example of which is located at address [www.biddersedge.com]. At the system Web site, the viewer provides a plurality of Web pages that enable a shopper to monitor and participate in auction activity occurring at a plurality of auction sites. The viewer 118 includes foreground process software that detects signals from the shopper access devices 108a-108d. Preferably, a shopper enters requests at a shopper access device 108a-108d by way of a mouse or keypad. The viewer 118 detects the requests and responds by displaying the requested information.

The pages created by the viewer 118 each provide different information to a shopper. Accordingly, the viewer 118 also enables shoppers to navigate between each of the available pages. Briefly, the GUI pages generated by the viewer 118 include a page navigation menu bar, near the top of each page, which allows the shopper to directly navigate to any of the other viewer pages. When a shopper logs into the Web site of the illustrative embodiment, the viewer 118 displays a Home page to the shopper. The shopper interacts with the search engine 120 from a plurality of the pages generated by the viewer 118. An illustrative Home page, along with other illustrative GUI pages generated by the viewer 118 are discussed in further detail below with respect to FIGURES 6-12.

In response to a shopper's command, the viewer 118 can invoke the search engine 120 to query the database 106 for items associated with a particular item category and/or keyword expression. Alternatively, the viewer 118 can invoke the site access facilitator 122 to enable the shopper to directly access and participate in a particular auction site

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